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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) .
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Serial No.: 08/480,461) Group Art Unit: 3733
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For: INSTRUMENTATION FOR THE SURGICAL

CORRECTION OF HUMAN THORACIC AND LUMBAR SPINAL DISEASE FROM THE LATERAL ASPECT OF THE SPINE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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03/17/1999 SMCATTR 00000004 TENSINGOMMUNICATION is in response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 17, 1999, an unnumbered paper. Applicant elects Group II: claims 95-139 for prosecution on the merits. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.129(b), Applicant further elects Group I: claims 90 and 140.

> Submitted with this response is the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(s) for the additional group elected.

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Respectfully submitted,

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